IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN DIVISION No. 4:13-CV-167-D

ALBERT W. SECHRIST,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) ORDER
CAROLYN W. COLVIN,))
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,)
Defendant.)

On July 31, 2014, Magistrate Judge Jones issued a Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") [D.E. 32]. In that M&R, Judge Jones recommended that the court deny plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 22], grant defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 24], and affirm defendant's final decision. Neither party objected to the M&R.

"The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to make a de novo determination of those portions of the [magistrate judge's] report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." <u>Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.</u>, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (alteration in original) (emphasis and quotation omitted); <u>see</u> 28 U.S.C. §636(b). Absent a timely objection, "a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." <u>Diamond</u>, 416 F.3d at 315 (quotation omitted).

The court has reviewed the M&R, the record, and the briefs. The court is satisfied that there is no clear error on the face of the record. Accordingly, the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R [D.E. 32].

In sum, plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 22] is DENIED, defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 24] is GRANTED, defendant's final decision is AFFIRMED, and this action is DISMISSED. The clerk shall close the case.

SO ORDERED. This **20** day of August 2014.

JAMES C. DEVER III

Chief United States District Judge